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The Honorable Val Peterson
Administrator
Federal Civil Defense Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Governor Peterson:

Supplementing my 13 February acknowledgment of your letter of 29 January 1954 requesting estimates on Soviet guided missiles capabilities, I am now pleased to inform you that at its meeting on 30 March 1954 the Intelligence Advisory Committee agreed to prepare a National Intelligence Estimate on this subject.

I assure you that we will make every effort to produce an estimate which will meet your requirements. We have as yet set no firm deadline for its completion. This will be done after we have completed additional preliminary work. Tentatively we hope to have an estimate by early fall. In any event, I know you would prefer that we take a little more time and do as good a job as we can rather than give you less than our best at an earlier date.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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